

## Calendar of Events

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January 15, 2026

**Member Holiday Party**

**Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce**

**203 E. Walworth St.**

**Elkhorn, WI 53121**

05:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

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*Are you a member of WCEDA or the Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce? If so, then...*

*Let's Celebrate!!!*

*5pm - 8pm*

*January 15th, 2026*

*Uncle Hunk's Junk Building*

*203 E. Walworth St., Elkhorn*

*Join the Elkhorn Chamber and Walworth County Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA) for a night of holiday fun. Cheers with us as we kick-off the new year together!*

*Register here:*

*[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLzj-8P5UoKbBejKHXsiUTES7xsu7bqzU9S\\_vict-HJMb1hA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLzj-8P5UoKbBejKHXsiUTES7xsu7bqzU9S_vict-HJMb1hA/viewform)*

January 25, 2026

## **Walworth County Pro/Am Culinary Showdown**

**Lake Lawn Resort**

**2400 E Geneva St**

**Delavan, WI 53115**

**11:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST**

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*Join us for WCEDA's 2nd annual Walworth County Culinary Showdown, featuring teams of Walworth County high school culinary students and professional chefs!*

*? READY TO EAT AROUND THE WORLD? ?*

*This year's Pro/Am Culinary Showdown is going global!*

*High school culinary stars are teaming up with local pro chefs to create their best dish — inspired by Germany, Italy, Thailand, France, and Morocco. ??????????*

*Samples from 11 Professional/Amateur Teams*

*Team #1*

*Team #2*

*Team #3*

*Team #4*

*Team #5*

*Team #6*

*Team #7*

*Team #8*

*Team #9*

*Team #10*

*Team #11*

*Check out last year's event [here!](#)*

*Ticket Options:*

*?? General Admission: \$20 per person (12:00–2:00 PM)*

*? VIP Hour: \$35 per person (11:00 AM–12:00 PM) – includes early entry and first access to samples*

*Venue Sponsor:*

*WCEDA's 20th Anniversary Sponsor:*

*Contact Leslie Gostomski about becoming an event sponsor.*

*About WCEDA's Kareers4Kids Program:*

*This program has been designed with one goal in mind: to help students plan their futures. By connecting students with hands-on, career-based learning experiences, K4K helps students apply their academic and technical skills in the real world of work while also developing essential workplace skills critical to their future employment success.*

*Providing career-based learning opportunities is mutually beneficial to schools and companies:*

*INVESTING IN THE FUTURE WORKFORCE. Working with students will help expand the pool of job applicants and their skill sets in the future. Career-Based Learning Experiences are an early recruitment strategy.*

*INFORMING THE FUTURE WORKFORCE about occupations businesses employ and the skills businesses look for when hiring.*

*CONTRIBUTING TO K-12 CURRICULUM by hosting educators at your work site and partnering with educators on the development of skills-based career pathways.*

*IMPROVING EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT. Employee knowledge of roles and responsibilities are reviewed and reinforced and mentoring students can be rewarding for employees.*

*CREATING POSITIVE COMMUNITY VISIBILITY FOR YOUR COMPANY by providing a visible example of your partnership with schools and students to maintain good community relations, and providing an opportunity to promote the company as an employer of choice. In addition, people will gain awareness of what your company does. Oftentimes people know the name of a company, but not the breadth of what happens on the inside.*

*EXPOSING STUDENTS TO WORK CULTURE AND TEAMWORK. Students discover and learn about the working world and begin to understand company culture and what it means to work as a team.*

February 25, 2026

**Employer Opportunity: DDHS Hall Pass to Success**

**Delavan-Darien High School**

**150 Cummings Street**

**Delavan, WI 53115**

05:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

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*Join us for Hall Pass to Success: Connecting Schools & Businesses. This special Business After Hours event is designed to connect local businesses and community leaders with the Delavan-Darien School District's Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs. Attendees will gain insight into how DD Tech, Youth Apprenticeships, and work-based learning initiatives are equipping students with real-world skills while strengthening community partnerships. The evening will feature a panel discussion with current DDHS Youth Apprenticeship students and local business leaders, as well as a Q&A session with members of the DDSD administrative team and school board. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the district's state-of-the-art CTE facilities and see live demonstrations in various career pathway labs.*

April 24, 2026

**Employer Opportunity: DDHS Career Day Experience**

**Delavan-Darien High School**

**150 Cummings Street**

**Delavan, WI 53115**

07:30 AM - 02:45 PM CST

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*Join us for the DDHS Career Fair Day Experience, an exciting and interactive event where local business and industry partners come together to showcase real-world skills, career pathways, and hands-on demonstrations for our DDHS & DD Tech students. This unique experience offers students the chance to explore a wide range of careers, ask questions, and engage directly with professionals from various fields. From trades and healthcare to business, technology, public service, and more, our Career Fair Day is designed to spark curiosity, inspire future goals, and highlight the valuable opportunities available right here in our community. Through live demos, engaging displays, and one-on-one conversations, students will gain meaningful insights into what it takes to succeed in the modern workforce.*